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Well it has turned hot and dry again. No surprise but we were all hoping summer would be a little slower coming. Make sure your air conditioning is working and serviced for the summer.

Water levels across the district have pretty much stopped gaining. The few exceptions are isolated areas where farmers have not yet turned on their pumps. These areas are the only spots that showed some improvement in water levels, however, this did not hold true for all isolated areas.

Throughout most of the district, water levels showed a decline in the 1 ft to 5 ft range. In most drip irrigated areas that were pumping heavy, we saw the largest declines with water level drops of 10- 60 ft from last month. A few pivot and row crop areas were showing similar declines especially in the Veribest area near the river.

There was very little recharge during the winter months, and any recharge in the shallow aquifers has already drained into the lower aquifers. Most available water will be coming from the deeper aquifers. Without large rainfall amounts over much of the area, especially on the recharge zones and watersheds aquifer levels will be dropping lower and faster than last year. Please plan accordingly on crops, gardens and yards.

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